

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying and locating ~~and repairing~~ a vehicle to be repaired that is stored in a storage facility for storing vehicles prior to shipment, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an assembled vehicle at the storage facility for storing vehicles prior to shipment;

storing the vehicle within the storage facility;

placing a selectively readable tag on the vehicle, wherein the tag operatively identifies the stored location of the vehicle within the storage facility and the shipping status of the vehicle;

saving the stored location of the vehicle within the storage facility and the shipping status in a computer database operatively in communication with the selectively readable tag;

identifying a ~~condition for modifying the~~ vehicle to be repaired using the computer database;

updating the shipping status of the vehicle to be repaired on the selectively readable tag and in the computer database to prevent shipment of the vehicle;

dynamically locating the vehicle to be repaired within the storage facility by operatively reading the selectively readable tags ~~to identify the stored location of the vehicle~~;

performing the ~~modification~~ repair to the vehicle; and

updating the shipping status of the vehicle on the selectively readable tag and the computer database to release ~~releasing~~ the vehicle for shipment from the storage facility after the vehicle is ~~modified~~ repaired.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the tag is an electronic device having a receiving and transmitting means.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said step of dynamically locating the vehicle further includes the steps of selectively reading the tag using a tag reading device operatively in communication with the computer database.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 further comprising the steps of:
using a vehicle identification number assigned to the vehicle to identify the vehicle
and electronically storing the vehicle identification number on the tag to be read by the tag
reading device[.]; and

~~assigning a shipping status indicator to the vehicle that is electronically stored on the
tag and read by the tag reading device.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[24]] 21 wherein the shipping status indicator indicates releasability of the vehicle from the storage facility.

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27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 further including the step of updating the tag with the stored location of the vehicle within the storage facility if the vehicle is moved to another location.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said step of dynamically locating the vehicle further includes the steps of selectively reading the tag from a remote location using a plurality of tag reading devices positioned within the storage facility that are operatively in communication with the computer database.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying and locating ~~and repairing~~ a vehicle to be repaired that is stored in a storage facility for storing vehicles prior to shipment, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an assembled vehicle at the storage facility for storing vehicles prior to shipment;

storing the vehicle within the storage facility;

placing a selectively readable tag on the vehicle, wherein the tag is an electronic device having a receiving and transmitting means that operatively identifies the location of the vehicle within the storage facility and the shipping status of the vehicle;

saving the stored location of the vehicle within the storage facility and the shipping status in a computer database operatively in communication with the selectively readable tag, wherein the shipping status indicates availability of the vehicle for shipment;

identifying a ~~condition for modifying the~~ vehicle to be repaired using the computer database;

dynamically locating the vehicle to be repaired within the storage facility by remotely reading the selectively readable tags using a tag reading device ~~to identify the stored location of the vehicle;~~

updating the shipping status of the vehicle to be repaired on the selectively readable tag and in the computer database to prevent shipment of the vehicle;

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performing the ~~modification~~ repair to the vehicle; and

updating the shipping status of the vehicle on the selectively readable tag and the computer database to release the vehicle for shipment after the vehicle is ~~modified~~ repaired.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 further comprising the steps of:
using a vehicle identification number assigned to the vehicle to identify the vehicle
and electronically storing the vehicle identification number on the tag to be read by the tag
reading device[.]; and

~~assigning a shipping status indicator to the vehicle that is electronically stored on the tag and read by the tag reading device.~~

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33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein said step of
dynamically locating the vehicle further includes the steps of selectively reading the tag from
a remote location using a plurality of tag reading devices positioned within the storage
facility that are operatively in communication with the computer database.

[[33]] 34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 further including the step of
updating the stored location of the vehicle within the storage facility if the vehicle is moved
to another location.

[[34]] 35. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying and locating ~~and repairing~~ a new vehicle to be repaired that is stored in a storage facility for storing vehicles prior to shipping, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a newly assembled vehicle at the storage facility for storing vehicles prior to shipping;

placing a selectively readable tag on the vehicle, wherein the tag is an electronic device having a receiving and transmitting means that operatively identifies the location of the vehicle within the storage facility;

positioning at least one tag reading device within the storage facility;

using a vehicle identification number assigned to the vehicle to identify the vehicle and electronically ~~operatively~~ storing the vehicle identification number on the tag so that it is readable by the tag reading device;

assigning a shipping status indicator to the vehicle that is electronically stored on the tag and readable by the tag reading device, wherein the shipping status indicator indicates releasability of the vehicle from the storage facility;

storing the vehicle within the storage facility;

saving the stored location of the vehicle within the storage facility and the shipping status in a computer database operatively in communication with the selectively readable tag;

identifying a ~~condition for modifying the~~ vehicle to be repaired using the computer database;

dynamically locating the vehicle to be repaired within said storage facility by remotely reading the selectively readable tag using the tag reading device ~~to identify the stored location of the vehicle~~;

updating the shipping status indicator of the vehicle to be repaired on the selectively
readable tag and in the computer database to prevent shipment of the vehicle;

92 performing the ~~modification~~ repair to the vehicle;

updating the shipping status indicator electronically stored on the tag and in the
computer database after the vehicle is ~~modified~~ repaired; and

32 releasing the vehicle for shipment from the storage facility after the vehicle is
~~modified~~ repaired.

[[35]] 36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[34]] 35 further including the
step of updating the stored location of the vehicle within the storage facility if the vehicle is
moved to another location.